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HEALTH AND SAFETY OF WORK FORCE
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India participated in the 95th Annual Conference of International Labour Organization on occupational safety and health of Labour force;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to bring a draft bill regarding safety and health of workers from radiation and benzene effects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps the Government took to maintain health and safety of the work force in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. India participated in the 95th Session of the International Labour Conference which inter-alia discussed the issue of Occupational Safety and Health leading to the finalization of the text of a Convention and Recommendation on the promotional frame work for Occupational Safety and Health. The Convention, inter-alia, refers to the need for a national policy and national system for Occupational Safety and Health in member countries.

(c) & (d): No, Sir.

(e): Adequate provision to protect the workers from exposure to Benzene in the factories are available in Schedule XXI of the Model Rule No. 120 prepared by Directorate General Factory Advice Service & Labour Institutes under section 87 of the Factories Act, 1948.